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September 13, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: DPSS RESPONSE TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION (73-C) OF JULY 5, 2006: COLLABORATE WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON A RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ISSUED JUNE 29, 2006 ON FRAUD IN THE CALWORKS CHILD CARE PROGRAM

This is the departmental response to your July 5, 2006 Board Motion in which you directed the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), in collaboration with the District Attorney (DA), to analyze and develop a response to the specific recommendations in the Civil Grand Jury report issued June 29, 2006 on fraud in the CalWORKs Child Care Program.

DPSS and the DA have agreed to work together to enhance efforts to detect high risk areas. DPSS is working on a pilot for random provider site visits of the approximately 10,000 child care providers in situations identified as potential high risk to determine their effectiveness. DPSS and the DA have also agreed to identify and refer select forms to County Counsel for review that have been recommended to be signed under penalty of perjury.

Overall, DPSS and the DA have agreed to work on actions outlined in the response to the Grand Jury recommendations as provided in the DPSS response submitted to the Chief Administrative Office. Both Departments remain committed to continuing efforts to identify strategies to detect, prevent and prosecute childcare fraud.

In addition, DPSS and the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles have initiated discussions on strategies for collaborating with the State on enhanced program integrity in Stages 2 and 3 Child Care.

We will provide your Board with a progress report in November 2006.

BY:ml

c: Chief Administrative Officer
District Attorney
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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles

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